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Registration Dept.-Sub Registrars-I Grade inadequate representation of Harijans Representation from Harijan M.L.A.'s Reply sent

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Madras, 25th September 1947.

To

The Hon. Sri O.P.Ramaswami Reddiar,
Prime Minister, Fort St. George, Madras.

H.M.(Prohibition). Kindly call for a report and do the needful.
O.P.R.,
26-9.

Sir,,

We the Harijan M.L.As. wish to bring it to your kind notice that it has been represented to us through various Harijan Organizations that gross injustice is being done with regard to representation of Harijans in higher services in all Government Departments.

Particularly, it is understood, that in the Registration Department there are more than 130 Sub-Registrars in the Upper Grade but there is not even one in that Grade belonging to the Harijan Community though there are about 30 fully qualified Harijan Sub-Registrars in the Lower Grade. It seems for the last 15 years not even one was promoted. We also understand that when promotions from the Lower Grade to the Upper Grade were made recently the claims of the Harijan Community were not considered though the Ex.Premier and the concerned ex. Minister expressed on the floor of the House more than once, that due and sympathetic consideration would be given to the claims of the Harijan community even with regard to promotions. We are also given to understand that all them other minority communities are being represented in the Upper Grade except the Harijanx community.

Under the above circumstances, we request you to be good enoughx to relax the rules of promotions for the Harijanx community at-least for a temporary period to enable the Harijans in the Lower Grade to get into the Upper Grade.

We hope early instructions will be issued in the matter to the Inspector General of Registration so that atleast in the next list of promotions the names of Harijan candidates will find a place.

We remain, Honoured Sir, Yourssxfaithfully,
Sd. M.Doraikannu,M.L.A.,
Sd. D.Govindadoss,M.L.A.
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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Revenue Department
Letter No.2250 J/47-3,dated 18-2-1948.

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To

Sri K. Ishwara,M.L.A.,
Room No.122, Hotel Everest, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Registration Department - Sub-Registrars I Grade - Inadequate representation of Harijans.

Ref; Letter to the Hon'ble the Prime Minister from you and other Harijan M.L.A.s, dated 25-9-1947.

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In reply to the letter quoted above, I am directed to state that up to now the claims of no Harijans have been overlooked in the matter of promotion to the I Grade of Sub-Registrars. The list of Sub-Registrars II Grade arranged according to seniority (total No. 492), shows that the Harijan Sub-Registrars are far junior in the list, there being at least 200 persons belonging to other communities above them. It would be obviously unjust to promote these men over the heads of a number of seniors by relaxing the rules. The Harijan Sub-Registrars will, therefore, have to await their turn. I am to add that when the turn of a Harijan for promotion to the I grade Sub-Registrar comes, his claims will be considered sympathetically, notwithstanding the rule that promotion from II to I Grade of Sub-Registrars should be made on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal.

Your obedient servant,
Sd. x x /Secy.to Government.

Copy to the Inspector-General of Registration.

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Notes above.

There are 27 Harijan Sub-Registrars in the II Grade (total posts 492) and 'nil' in the I Grade (total posts 123). Under the Services Rules, promotion of Sub-Registrars from the II to the I Grade shall be made on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal--vide Rule 2 (b) of the Madras Registration Subordinate Service Rules at p.249 of Services Manual,Vol.III. The senior-most Harijan in the II Grade is 205th in rank and the next men are 212th and 222nd in rank. It would be obviously unjust to promote these men over the heads of a number of seniors What the Government can do utmost is that a Harijan, when his turn comes up for consideration, is not superseded by a strict application of the rule referred to. No doubt if he possesses greater merit and ability than his immediate seniors, he would be preferred to his seniors for appointment as I Grade Sub-Registrars.

It may be noted in this connection that out of 31 District Registrars (permanent and temporary) 3 are Harijans. The file may be circulated to H.M.(Prohn.) and the Hon'ble Premier.

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TO A.S.

Please see the orders in circulation above. A draf letter is submitted for approval. After issue, the papers ma be recorded for future guidance.

(It is presumed that it is unnecessary to send the case to Public (Ser.) now).

The draft letter below subd. for consideration.

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Pub.(Ser.) Deptt.

The draft letter below may be perused and the file returned to Revenue.

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Revenue Department.

TO A.S.

The draft letter below may now issue. After issue, the papers may be recorded as a G.O.

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